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DEPARTMENT FOR WHA/CAR SEARBY, L/LEI FOR TAYLOR AND MUELLER;
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR CRIM/OIA MAZUREK AND ORJALES;
US MARSHAL SERVICE PLEASE PASS TO CHRIS DUDLEY;
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TAGS: CJAN DR KCRM SNAR

SUBJECT: DOMINICAN FUGITIVE JEANNETTE MERCEDES WAIVES
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¶11. On October 14, 2005, U.S. Marshals returned Jeannette Mercedes to the United States for trial in the US District Court for the Southern District of New York based on federal indictment 03-CR 1030 (SHS) charging her with conspiracy to commit money laundering. Mercedes is alleged to have entered into a conspiracy whose primary purpose was to launder proceeds from the sale of narcotics in New York City.

¶12. Following the issuance of a Dominican arrest warrant based on a USG request for extradition, Mercedes was apprehended on August 10, 2005 by officers of the Dominican National Directorate for Drug Control. Mercedes subsequently made a free, knowing, and voluntary waiver of further local proceedings before the Criminal Chamber of the Dominican Supreme Court. Her decision to submit to US extradition was evidenced by a witnessed affidavit executed on September 27, 2005.

¶12. (U) Mercedes is the 39th fugitive extradited to the United States during the second administration of President Leonel Fernandez. She is the 26th fugitive extradited from the Dominican Republic to the United States in 2005.

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